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We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who have continued their generous support in spite of curtailed incomes.

With a view to reducing all expenditure to a minimum, we have curtailed considerably on this year's Annual Report, but should any member or friend desire further details relative to the past year's work, we shall deem it a privilege to be afforded the opportunity to furnish same upon request.

# THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG

Incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Manitoba. Established in 1898

**FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM CRUELTY AND NEGLECT**

SUPPORTED MAINLY BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY OF WINNIPEG

## WHAT IT IS

- It is Manitoba's largest Agency caring for dependent and neglected children.
- It has been doing this essential work for thirty-five years and its operations have extended to all parts of Manitoba.
- It does not duplicate the work of any other Organization.
- It is not Institutional. It is a child placing agency that aims to provide care for all children committed to its care, in family homes suited to their particular needs.
- It maintains a Receiving Home at 200 River Avenue where all children are taken for temporary care, pending a thorough physical and mental examination, and a suitable adjustment of their case.
- It deals with each child individually -- no "mass production" methods here.
- It constantly seeks and conscientiously tries to answer: "What is best for this child".
- It maintains a staff of sympathetic, trained and experienced Social Workers, who supervise and visit the children who have been placed in homes throughout the Province.
- It is non-sectarian and non-denominational. On its Board of Directors are representatives of all the well established religious denominations.
- It places its children only in those homes where they will have proper religious training and contact with Church and Sunday School.
- It depends on the voluntary contributions of individuals, Societies, Lodges, Churches, Sunday Schools, etc., for approximately 50% of the amount necessary to carry on the work; the remaining 50% being secured from grants and maintenance collections.
- It is incorporated by an Act of the Legislature of Manitoba, and is licensed by the Department of Health and Public Welfare for the Province of Manitoba.
- It is a member of the Child Welfare League of America, also the Canadian Council of Child and Family Welfare -- National organizations who restrict membership to those agencies meeting established standards as to quality of service.



**What It Has Been Enabled to Accomplish in 35 Years Through the  
Continued Moral and Financial Support of the Citizens  
of Manitoba**

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It has extended "the protection and care which the Society affords to its child life" to 49,345 human lives.

It has actually sheltered and cared for 7,079 children in the Society's Shelter and Receiving Home.

It has assumed the permanent legal guardianship of 1,517 children, and temporary guardianship of 641 children.

It has furnished 1,056,161 days maintenance and care to children rescued from homes of vice, sin and crime.

It has been compelled to initiate legal proceedings in over 5,000 cases to ensure protection and care to children.

It has secured 2,257 foster homes and situations for Homeless Children.

It has received from individuals, Societies, Lodges, Churches, Sunday Schools, etc., the sum of \$718,380.18 to help it in its work. Are you included in its list of benefactors?

When you realize that there are numerous other charitable and philanthropic organizations furnishing care to children, it seems almost incredible that there should still be so much suffering and neglect amongst our child life as to warrant the intervention of your Society on behalf of so many. Nevertheless, your Society has responded to these appeals and has endeavored to ensure to each and every child a reasonably happy life, and protection from those who would oppress them. If only the foregoing figures could speak out in human terms, they would give voice to an impressive story.

**What It Has Done This Year**

It has extended protection and care to 2,985 human lives.

It has furnished 102,990 days maintenance and care to 595 children.

It has maintained constant supervision over more than 500 children in their own homes every day of the year.

It has fed, clothed and cared for 281 children every day during the year.

It has supervised and cared for 538 children, permanent wards of the Society.

It has received and investigated 361 complaints of neglect, ill-treatment, etc. (involving the interest of 849 children).

It had to present the cases of 245 children to the Courts of our Province to secure justice and fair play for them.

Its Officers have attended Court hearings on 160 different occasions.

Its Officers have spent 239 hours in court pleading the cause of helpless, defenceless children.

It has accepted permanent legal guardianship of 27 children.

It has accepted temporary guardianship of 121 children.

Its Officers were compelled to institute legal proceedings against 26 parents for contributing to the neglect or delinquency of their children.

Its Officers have travelled over 40,000 miles, and have made 25,247 separate visits to 2,985 children and their negligent and delinquent parents, in an endeavor to ensure a happy childhood to these little ones under care.

## DO YOU KNOW ?

That of the 595 children given care during the year, 476 came from Greater Winnipeg, and 119 came from other parts of the Province.  
That there were 25 different nationalities among the children cared for.  
That there were 14 different religious beliefs.  
That gross parental neglect, desertion, vice and crimes of parents, immorality, intemperance, and wee babies abandoned, constituted the principal reasons for having to care for 595 children.  
That 60 were under 2 years of age -- 129 between 2 and 7 years, 326 between 7 and 16 years, and 80 above 16 years of age.  
That 121 children were in such an emaciated condition when rescued by the Society that it necessitated 2,812 days Hospital care and attention to restore them to normal health again.  
That 74% of the children dealt with last year had both parents living; 25% had one parent living; only 1% were orphans.  
That it cost the Society approximately \$88,000.00 to actually maintain its big family last year.  
That approximately \$20,000.00 of this cost comes from voluntary contributions.  
That the Society had 1,141 children under supervision and care at the end of August 1932.

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This in brief is the story of the past year's service to Manitoba's children who needed a friend to champion their cause -- TO PROTECT THEM FROM THOSE WHO WOULD OPPRESS THEM.

The story for another year remains to be written. What it will be depends greatly upon yours and other friends generous response to the Society's present appeal for funds.

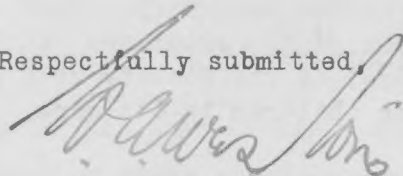
The need for its service will not be lessened. The one main question that remains to be answered is -- Will the necessary funds be forthcoming?

In calling upon the people of Manitoba at this time for \$10,000.00 it is asking for funds absolutely necessary to carry on the work from day to day. Without these funds the work must stop -- The Society cannot go into debt.

This call is made to meet necessity's sharp pinch. Funds contributed today will be used tomorrow. The failure of today's contributions may mean a most distressing tomorrow for the hundreds of helpless babies, boys and girls who are now receiving the friendly protection and help of the Society.

If you have not contributed this year, will you please respond promptly? The need is urgent.

Respectfully submitted,



General Secretary.

Winnipeg, Man.,  
October 20th, 1932.

## WHAT IS BEST FOR THE HOMELESS CHILD ?

WORDS IN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION INSTANTLY LEAP TO SYMPATHETIC LIPS

### **A Home !**

If words that echo the tenderness of the hearts of all mankind for helpless little ones could really answer the question, there might be no need for the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg.

It is an easy thing to say that a homeless child needs a home. There are always hundreds of childless homes that need children. But it is a desperately difficult task to always find the right home for each little derelict, literally adrift at the very beginning of its voyage of life.

An answer to the question "What is best for the homeless child?" calls for more than words of deep sympathy. The homeless child requires the understanding, skill and resourcefulness of devoted workers, who by training and experience have prepared themselves to help these children meet the dark disaster that threatens to crush them. These trained workers know that there is no hard and fast rule -- no formula for answering the question. They know that it cannot be answered once and for all.

"What is best for the child?" requires as many ingenious answers as there are homeless children -- must be answered again and again throughout a childhood filled with difficult and complex situations.

More than a thousand children now in the care of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg are looking to this organization and its staff of workers to continue the constructive, sympathetic service which has thrown around their defenceless lives a barrier against want and disease, crime and vice, and spiritual darkness. Hundreds of other homeless children await hopefully the time when the helping hand of the Society can reach out to aid them.

No stretch of the imagination is necessary to realize that the number will increase rapidly as we go into this winter of unemployment, and the consequent sad breaking up of more homes.

The Society looks confidently to Manitobans who make it possible for the Society to heed the voices of these children who cry for relief from their distress.

More children need help -- and need it more than at any time in the thirty-five years of the existence of the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg. The minimum budget of the Society will provide for the continuation of its work among those children in its care.

The Society stands ready to help as many more as the gifts of its generous supporters will permit.

**WILL YOU HELP?** If so, kindly send in your contribution today.